THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demolishing of Cargill Seeds India Limited

1560. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agitated farmers demolished part of the Cargill Seeds India Limited, at Bellary;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have since formulated a coherent and sustainable seeds policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Farmers of the Karnataka Rajya Ryotha Sangha have reportedly attacked and damaged part of the buildings of M/s. Cargill Seeds India Pvt. Ltd. (Bellary) in protest against multinational companies in the Seed Sector.

(c) The Seed Policy of the Government formulated in 1988, is reviewed periodically with the objective of ensuring sustained development in the Seed Sector.

Production of Pulses

1561. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a mission oriented programme to increase production of pulses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme has since been finalised;

(d) if so, the priorities fixed thereunder;

(e) by when it is likely to be launched;

(f) whether Government have also fixed targets for increasing per hectare production rate alongwith increasing total production;

(g) if so, what was the average per hectare production rate of pulses during the year 1992-93; and

(h) what future targets have been fixed to increase this rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) Pulses have been brought under the ambit of Technology Mission on Oilseeds (TMO) w.e.f. August, 1990. The programme for increasing the production of pulses have been formulated on the lines of Technology Mission on Oilseeds through the formulation of four Mini-Missions dealing with Research and Evolution of Production Technology, Processing and Post Harvest Technology, input support services to the farmers and Marketing aspects.

(f) to (h) The production target of pulses fixed for 1993-94 is 15.5 million tonnes. The productivity targets are not fixed. The average field of pulses recorded during 1992-93 has been 617 Kg/hectare. The production target for the terminal year of the VIII Plan 1996-97 has been fixed at 17.0 million tonnes.

Consumption of Fertilizer

1562. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total and per hectare consumption of fertilizer during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the consumption of certain fertilizer recently;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to keep the fertilizer consumption up in the backdrop of rising fertilizer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The table below gives the total and per hectare consumption of fertilizers for cropped area during the last three years:

Year	Consumption (Lakh tonnes N+P+K)	Per hectare consumption (Estimated) (Kgs. N+P+K)